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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We choose a competitive provider because of cost and choice and more competition--it is good for our economy.

We DO NOT WANT price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services and broadband is critical to our home, business and school. We were previously connected with competitive DSL and have competitive telephone service.

We live in a rural community and local broadband providers are critical to helping others have access to this valuable service.

Please keep local broadband providers in business

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